

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 8, 2007. Claims 1 to 8 are in the application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 1 to 8 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The rejection is respectfully traversed, and is submitted to have been obviated by the amendments made to these claims.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,951,785 (Uchihashi). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Uchihashi in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,443,840 (Geissler). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Uchihashi. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Uchihashi in view of 1994 IEEE First World Conference (Yang). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, (i) a plurality of solar cells covered with a covering member so as to be integrated, in combination with (ii) a plurality of power converters provided on a surface of the covering member.

None of Uchihashi, Geissler, and Yang, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed combination of features.

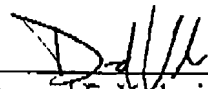
The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent

claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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